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Residence of Rev. and Mrs. Benson P. Wilkins

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JACOBS-WILKINS HOUSE
Rockland Road

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"The Ancestral Dwellings"

Historic Sketch

The Jacobs' Queen Anne Mirror

Lt. Isaac Barron Deed and Family

Jacobs Family

Jacobs Memorandum

Deed: John Jacobs to John Jacobs, Jr., 1824

Abel Goodrich Hodgman Line

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The Ancestral Dwellings.

Dear to my heart are the ancestral dwellings of America,
Dearer than if they were haunted by ghosts of royal splendour;
They are simple enough to be great in their friendly dignity,
Homes that were built by the brave beginners of a nation.

I love the old white farmhouses nestled in New England valleys,
Ample and long and low, with Elm-trees feathering over them;
Borders of box in the yard, and lilacs and old-fashioned roses,
A fan-light above the door, and little square panes in the windows
The wood-shed piled with maple and birch and hickory
Ready for winter,
The gambrel roof with its garret crowded with household
relics —
All the tokens of prudent thrift and the spirit of self-reliance

Yes, they are all dear to my heart, and in my eyes they are
beautiful;
For under the roofs were nourished the thoughts that
made the nations;
The glory and strength of America come from her ancestral
dwellings.

Author unknown.
Contributed by Mrs Mary A. Green.

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Residence of Rev. & Mrs. Benson Perley Wilkins -

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Probably built before 1790, and enlarged by John Jacobs -

Photographed 1930 by Mrs Wilkins -

John Jacobs
1818

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May 1936.

The western end of the house.

1936.

Front door repaired after

photographs by Mrs B. P. Wilkins, 1939-

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The old west kitchen.

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Original beaufet in the dining room.

Photographs by Mrs B. P. Willcox, 1930.

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The fire-place in the south-west room.

1934

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Kitchen fire-place in the north-west room.

Used now as an Antique Room.

The Jacobs-Wilkins House-
Rockland Road-

On Jan. 10-1789, Isaac Barron of Billerica sold to Timothy Wilkins, Jr. "Gentleman", of Carlisle, for 105 pounds 4 shillings, a parcel of land "containing 74 acres & 69 poles with a Road as now trod which is Reserved", and bounded on land of Samuel Heald, the heirs of Jonas Robbins, Job Spaulding, Paul Litchfield, Nathaniel Taylor, Timothy Wilkins, Junr., heirs of Ephraim Melvin, Nathan Munroe, Aaron Munroe and Zebulun Spaulding, "with the Buildings thereon standing."

On Dec. 3 of the same year, 1789, Timothy Wilkins deeded this identical property to John Jacobs for 139 pounds, gaining about *170 on the transaction.

In a "Memorandum" in the handwriting of John Jacobs, he records "moved from Hanover to Carlisle, Feb. 1790" which was two months after the purchase of the property. Even though all other available Jacobs records point to the fact that John Jacobs, married in Scituate, Mass., to Mable Litchfield, sister of the Rev. Paul Litchfield of Carlisle, came to this town and erected this house for his bride in 1783; and while the births of all his children are recorded in Carlisle, the earliest being in 1785, we still have the written statement of John Jacobs that he moved here in 1790.

This record or statement follows immediately after the record of births of the first three children, and is followed by that of his seven other children, yet in neither case does he state where any of them were born. If a Bible record without place-names was copied for printing in the Carlisle vital records, one can easily see how the entire family could be found in these statistics, although some members may have been born elsewhere.

The second discrepancy is in the matter of the buildings spoken of in both 1789 deeds. If they were "standing thereon" in Jan. 1789, and the same in Dec. 1789, and the Jacobs couple were in residence in Feb. 1790, it seems highly probable this house was here then. It has been very definitely stated by a living grand-daughter of Ruth (Jacobs) Whittemore, who had it from her grandmother's lips, that her father, John Jacobs, built this house and brought the doors, window frames and the fine old beaufet or corner cupboard from Scituate. One must therefore conclude that the original house was a primitive

dwelling, and was completed or made over by the new owner, John Jacobs. The original was probably built between 1779 and 1789 as it does not appear on the 1779 map but is mentioned in the Jan. 1789 deed.

The house first occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Jacobs was what we call a "half-house", being the eastern half of the present building. The western half was added some years later when the growing family made more commodious quarters necessary. When the son, John Jacobs, Junr. married Maria Blood in 1824, the western half was made into a second tenement, and the father's entire property was turned over to him on June 25 – 1824 (for $2400) but "reserving the full use of one half of the dwelling-house on said premises, and the use of the well, the same for and during the life of said John Jacobs for him to use, occupy and improve."

John Jacobs, Sen. and wife Mable Litchfield had ten children, but three died in infancy; Lydia died unmarried at the age of 18 years; Hannah, who married Samuel Washburn of Lempster, N. H. died at the age of 30, and Mable, wife of Ebenezer Hayward of Braintree, was brought back, ill, to her father's house where she died after a long sickness, in 1825 at the age of 33. Mary married Deacon Silas Hosmer of Acton, and Ruth became the bride of Lieut. Collins Whittemore of Hancock, N. H., raised a family and lived to be 84 years old. She and her husband are buried in Antrim, N. H. close to the burial place of Rev. Josiah Ballard, pastor of the Carlisle Congregational Church from Sept. 1859 to Dec. 1863.

Martin and John Jacobs, Junr. were the only ones of the ten children to remain in Carlisle. Martin lived at home and when young did odd jobs for neighbors until such time as he had a wheel wright shop of his own. It was located on Westford Street near the centre, and was known as "Bull-Frog Hotel". It was nearly opposite the Otterson garage; the stone foundation can yet be discovered beside the road at the edge of the swampy area where frogs abounded. Martin died in Charlestown, Mass. in 1863, being 63 years old.

John Jacobs, Sen. was 65 years old when he sold his farm to his son John. His life interest remained active for many years, as his wife lived 14 years and he, 17 years after the deed was made.

John Jacobs, Sen. was a very staunch churchman of the

Orthodox faith, and ably seconded the teachings of his brother-in-law, Rev. Paul Litchfield. He was chosen deacon in Carlisle in 1812, and after the death of Parson Litchfield differences arose regarding the theology of another incumbent. Deacon Jacobs was made the custodian of the church papers until the dispute should be settled, but they were later surrendered to the town officials. When the former Orthodox society became a "Liberal" one, many withdrew, and in 1830 formed a second church called the Union Calvinistic Society. As they had no place of worship, a business meeting of the Society was called, to be held at the home of Deacon John Jacobs, Jan. 3 - 1831, at which time he was empowered to circulate a subscription paper to see if enough could be raised to build a church. In Feb. 1831, another meeting was held in this house, at which a vote was taken "to build a house of worship." Deacon Jacobs was very active in the matter, being a member of the building committee. The new house of God was dedicated Oct. 4 - 1832. This is the building we now know as the Carlisle Congregational Church.

Deacon Jacobs was also one of the agents for the execution of the Isaac Duren lease of the land on which the church stands. In 1818 he was one on a committee of three, chosen as a building committee for the brick school house in the Centre. He served as town clerk six years, and selectman for seven years. He died in 1841 at the age of 82. His son John, Jr. was town clerk six years, selectman nine years, justice of the peace, seven years; also Representative to the General Court in 1851, and member of the Constitutional Convention in 1853.

John, Jr. was a farmer and mason, and did much stone work in this region. He cut and laid many of the door-rocks in town, from boulders found along roadsides and in pastures. Evidences can be found on this farm in many places where ledges and rocks have been split. Small holes would be drilled in a straight line, according to the grain of the rock, metal wedges put in each, after which the worker would "tink" them along in rotation with a sledge hammer, repeating until the wedges split the rock. Square posts were also cut out for fence posts for everybody's yard and loads of them were carted to Boston.

Mr. Jacobs built miles of stone walls. He had the contract to build the wall in front of Green Cemetery, after he was 71 years old,

and as he is buried there and has no marker, this wall may fittingly be called his monument.

At the back door of this old house, there is a large flat stone in the walk which was once the step to the cider mill which stood at the southwest corner of the house, and from which a runway was then open into the cellar, through which barrels were rolled for storage. This run-way was later closed up but the cellar wall shows where it was. Probably it was also used as a general bulkhead as now there is no such convenience and nothing to indicate one in any other location.

Marie Blood, wife of John, Junr. died less than three years after their marriage, leaving a little daughter named Marie Antoinette, who, according to the Jacobs "memorandum" "began to be supported by her Grandfather, Aug 21-1827", and John Jacobs, Junr "began to board with me, Sept 1-1827" three months after his home was broken up.

Marie Antoinette lived with her grandparents until her marriage to Andrew Goran. She died in Medford, Mass. at the age of 21. I have found no record of a second marriage of John Jacobs, Jr. although he was left a widower at an early age. He died in 1876 in the house in which he was born 80 years before.

John Jacobs appears to have been the first dentist in Carlisle. He had three pair of steel forceps with which he performed his occasional and painful operations. When Dr. Austin Marsh came to town, the forceps were turned over to him with all the "good-will" which had been his. Not many years ago, Mr. Palmer Marsh, son of Dr. Marsh, gave these instruments to the Carlisle Historical Society.

The farm had been in the Jacobs name 86 years and there were no descendants who cared to live here after John, Junr died. The household effects were disposed of by auction, and a Queen Anne mirror from this family has thus found its way into the collection of the Concord Antiquarian Society.

Mr. & Mrs. Abel Goodrich Hodgman became owners of this property and lived here many years, carrying on the place as a farm, also doing blacksmithing and carriage repairing in the building first made for a cider mill by Mr. Jacobs.

While the Hodgmans lived here, the house was somewhat remodelled by removing two of the original five fire-places, substituting one smaller chimney for the use of stoves. New four-pane windows replaced others containing fifteen small

panes in a few of the east rooms.

Mr. Hodgman was interested in music and belonged to orchestral societies in Lowell before coming here in 1883, and found much enjoyment in his later years with his violin. He died in 1907 and Rosannah his wife, in 1908.

One of the most amusing stories I have heard relating to this house, was concerned with Mr. Hodgman when he was an old man. There is a small square opening in the floor of the south-east chamber, used as a ventilator and a means of securing heat from the room below. It is located directly above the sitting-room stove. They had a housekeeper who rose early to build the fires before the old folks came downstairs. Mr. Hodgman used to lower the legs of his trousers through this hole, let them get all baloonned up with hot air, then draw them back upstairs and proceed to dress in comfort!

On their 39th wedding anniversary, freinds surpresed Mr. & Mrs. Hodgman, arriving with a basket supper, and later presented them with a willow chair, a parlor lamp and a cup and saucer for each. Mr. Hodgman expressed thanks and entertained with the violin, and all enjoyed patriotic songs. This was in May, 1898.

About this same time, a portable saw mill from Salem, N.H. was set up on this property for two weeks to cut 200 000 feet of wood owned by Mr. E. J. Carr. It attracted many visitors as it was quite a novelty in town.

In 1910 Capt. H. W. Wilson purchased this farm and put a crew of foreign men to work taking out wood to sell. The house was occupied by woodsmen and the farm became almost entirely neglected.

Late in 1911 the place was bought by Mr. Viggo J. A. Lassen of Charlestown, Mass, who came here with his wife to occupy it. He raised some poultry, but his health was not good and the farm rapidly degenerated into pasture land. Fences were down and cattle roamed around the house. Part of the road to the village had been abandoned, so it was difficult to travel over it in the winter time.

In May, 1916 Rev. & Mrs. Benson P. Wilkins took over the property. The house was put in repair and the family moved here from Keene Valley, N.Y. where Mr. Wilkins had been preaching in the Congregational Church, but his health

had failed and he was retiring from effective work. Mr. Wilkins is a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church and had previously held appointments in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He is a graduate of Boston University in the College of Liberal Arts and Theological School and holds the degrees of A.B. and S.T.B.

The day the household goods arrived from Kew Valley, May 15-1916, a woodland fire swept over a large territory back of the house, and with a high wind blowing, destruction seemed eminent. Valiant work by a large crowd of men controlled it eventually after burning many cords of wood and threatening several buildings. Men were stationed about during the night, fearing an outbreak if the wind came up again. It seemed like a warm welcome.

After Mr. Wilkins regained his health, he became pastor of the Carlisle Congregational Church in March, 1919 and continued in that position until May 1-1920 when again his health made it necessary to resign. Mr. & Mrs Wilkins devoted themselves to gardening, poultry raising, and local civic and church interests. Mrs. Wilkins held the office of Trustee of the Gleason Public Library for 12 years, and was one of the charter members of the Carlisle Historical Society.

Because of the nature of the terrain, Mr. & Mrs Wilkins called their property "Rockland", which is also the derivation of the name of the road from Westford Street to this house. Later the name was dropped and allowed to lapse into oblivion because of confusion on mail addresses. We found mail was continually going to Rockland, Mass. But during the time the designation was used, Mrs Lucy Davis presented the following acrostic to her hostess on one occasion:

"Royal welcome
Open doors
Cheerful, sunny ways,
Kindly influence
Lingers here
And dreams of by-gone days.
Naught but peace shall enter here
Delights untouched by doubt or fear."

The elements have occasionally selected this spot on the higher land, to bring havoc to the house. In the Lawrence cyclone, about 1888 the big wind began in the "50 acre lot" in front of the present Mr. Hunt place on South Street, and took an entire field of hay into the air, then jumped to the Goodrich Hodgman place where it tore up several trees, then jumped over to Billerica where damage was done, and finally to Lawrence where it reached its cyclonic fury.

In 1915 the house was struck by lightning with much resulting damage to chimney, roof, plastering, floors and windows. Mr Larsen was made deaf for several hours but was otherwise unharmed.

During the hurricane of 1938, the wind tore off large patches of shingles, a side arbor, and pieces around the front door, as well as a portion of the roof of the barn and seven fruit and ornamental trees. A beautiful blue spruce was one of the lamented casualties. When making repairs, the front door was slightly changed and improved.

The road from Carlisle to Chelmsford passed this house on the east side when it was first built. From an old deed in 1812 we find the road was still in use. One can follow its course past the barn, through the pasture by means of walls on each side of the cart path, until lost in a swampy area between this property and the old Ephraim Robbins place where it again emerges. From Curve St. the old course was apparently over what is now Martin Street to Chelmsford. Another branch went east from the barn coming out on the old road not far from the Robbins-Stearns house, and still another branching west further up in the pasture, winding through swamp and woods and around the hill to the old Monroe places.

Just when these were abandoned is unknown, but was nearly, if not quite, a hundred years ago. Even that part from the old Westford road to this house was not an accepted road in 1916, but it again became a part of the town system when it was re-accepted in 1921. This action made it possible to continue to live in this attractive old house.

During the years, there have been times when two families have lived in the house, but it is now adapted to only one.

many of the original features are still here. The west part now seems the older because it has had fewer changes than the east part, but the H and HL hinges can be found only in the first old part. Being only on the cellar, attic and store-room doors, they should still be useful to keep the evil spirits out. All doors have latches except the front outside door, which has a glass knob.

Long strap hinges are in the shed which was once the east kitchen. The frame of the building has oak beams 10 x 12 inches, put together with wooden pins. The boarding of the roof plainly indicates where the extension was made, as in the two parts they go in different directions. The old east chimney and fire places have been removed and changed, but in the western part the chimney has a brick base in the cellar, 8 feet square containing two fire arches and ash pit; the chimney top is 3 feet square, containing flues for three fireplaces, all in excellent condition today. The kitchen fireplace in the north-west room has a double flue, quite unusual in this locality. Over this fire-place and brick oven, is a narrow 8 foot mantel and small fire-board cupboard. The south-west room has a plain but good proportioned fireplace and mantel, with a smaller one in the chamber above. Wide board floors prevailed, but some have had to be replaced.

The south-east living room has boxed beams throughout, with a summer beam overhead. The best architectural feature is the beaufet or corner cupboard with semi-circular back, and flanked with hand-fluted pilasters and mouldings. This is the only original corner cupboard, in town, as far as I know, although there are several of modern construction on old patterns.

In 1916 there were four flights of stairs going up, and two down from the ground floor, but half of these have been changed or removed. They evidently were made to accomodate two separate families. The two extra flights going up have been left, but boarded in, but the cellar stairs on the west side have been entirely removed.

The pine risers, balustrade and spindles along the front stairs are the original ones.

On the second floor the square spindles have been renewed. The front and east side door have iron foot scrapers imbedded in granite and natural door-rocks, but there is none at the back door where one would expect it to be more needed. The cellar contains a square opening in the foundation wall which I am told was a "wine cellar" in which the more aristocratic beverages were kept. It has no door, but the stones are flat and arranged to make a good square cupboard.

The old well back of the house once had a well-sweep, but now the water is piped into the kitchen. Electricity was brought to the building in 1932, a good many years after most of the town had been provided with this blessing.

Long ago, a piece of land was sold from the north-end of the farm, to a Jack Lee who built a house and lived there alone for some time. In the deed it was called "the brown loaf lot." Mr. Lee eventually sold the house and it was moved away, but the cellar foundation remains, although quite ruined by the hurricane. Growing trees were fast filling it up, but now fallen trees make it difficult to see.

Forty acres of pasture, part of it the "English mowing", have been sold to Dr. Geo. P. Lowe, so that now the old Jacobs house stands on its four acres of land instead of nearly 75 as in the beginning. It sets, facing the south, and after a century and a half, seems well able to weather the gales or absorb the sun for years to come.

From its doors I have gone out to visit the old houses described in these volumes, and been graciously welcomed by friendly people. After sharing our knowledge and interest in the early Carlisle history and families, I have returned to this old Jacobs house, again and again.

Joys, sorrows, fun, work, sickness, health, hardships and inspirations have all been experienced within its walls, and for twenty-five years it has been to me a very precious home.

Martha Fifield Wilkins - 1941.

Probable design
of original house
built by
John Jacobs
in 1790.

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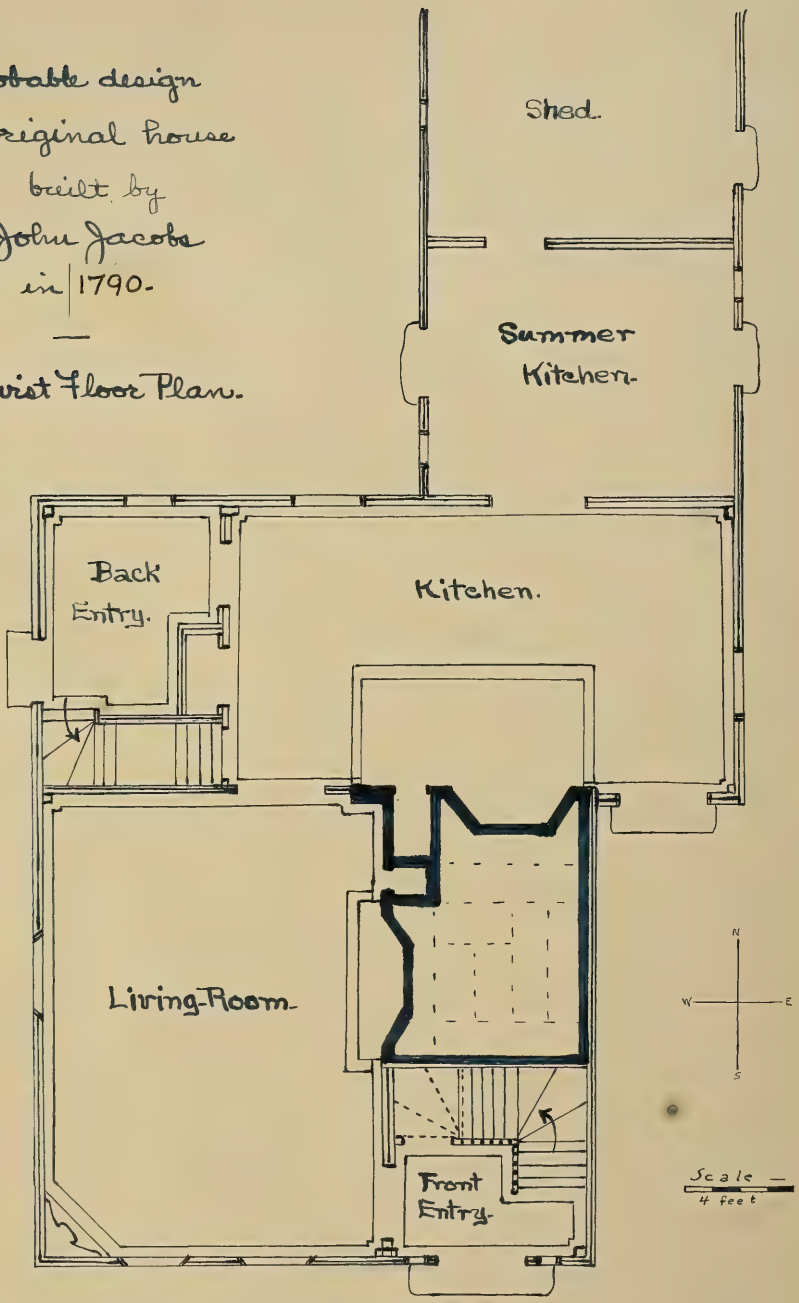
First Floor Plan.



Alice C. Wales
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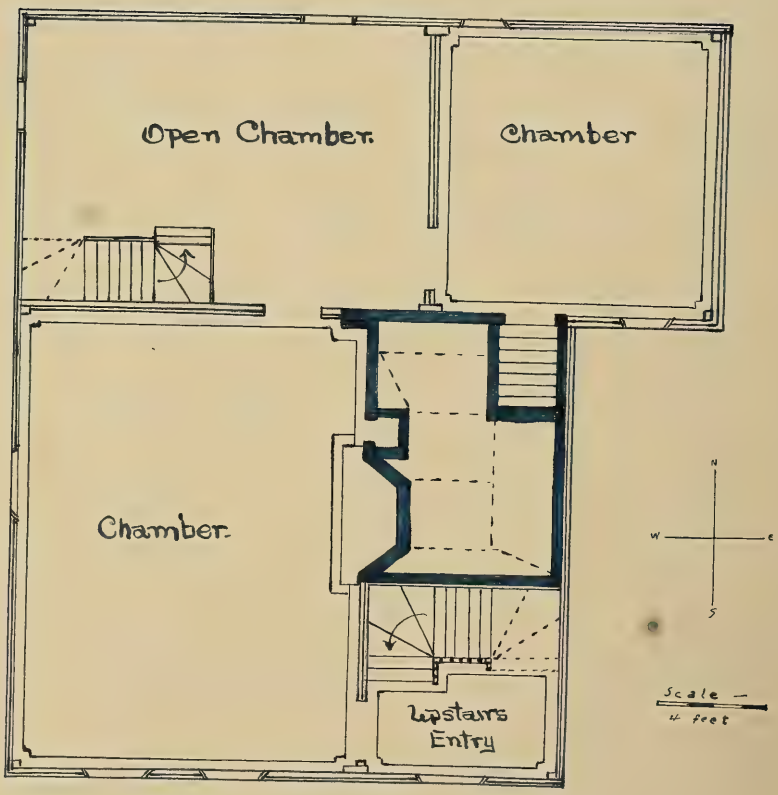
Probable design
of original house
built by
John Jacobs
in 1790.

Second Floor Plan.



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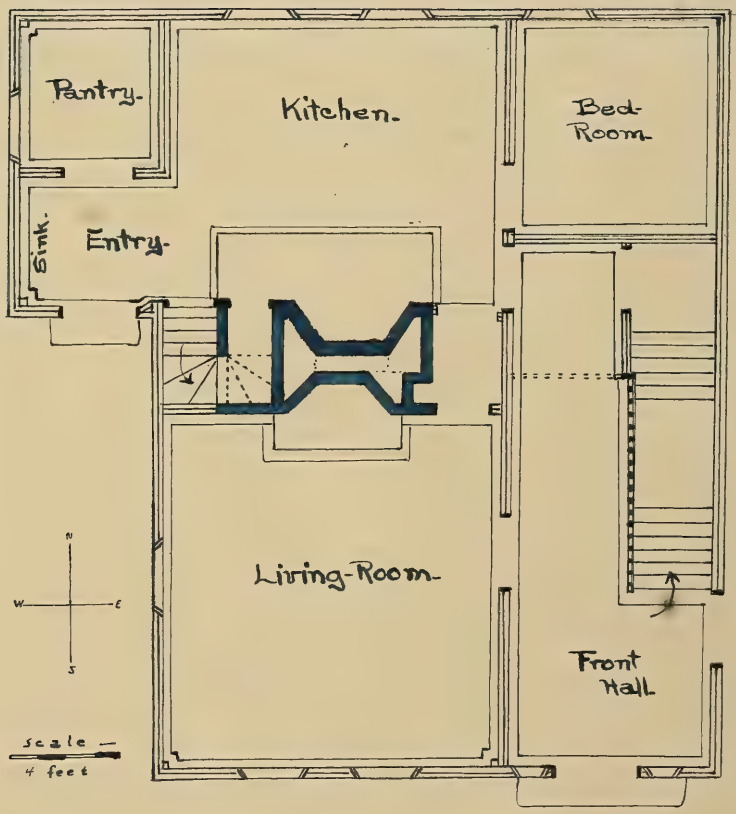
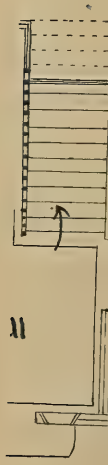
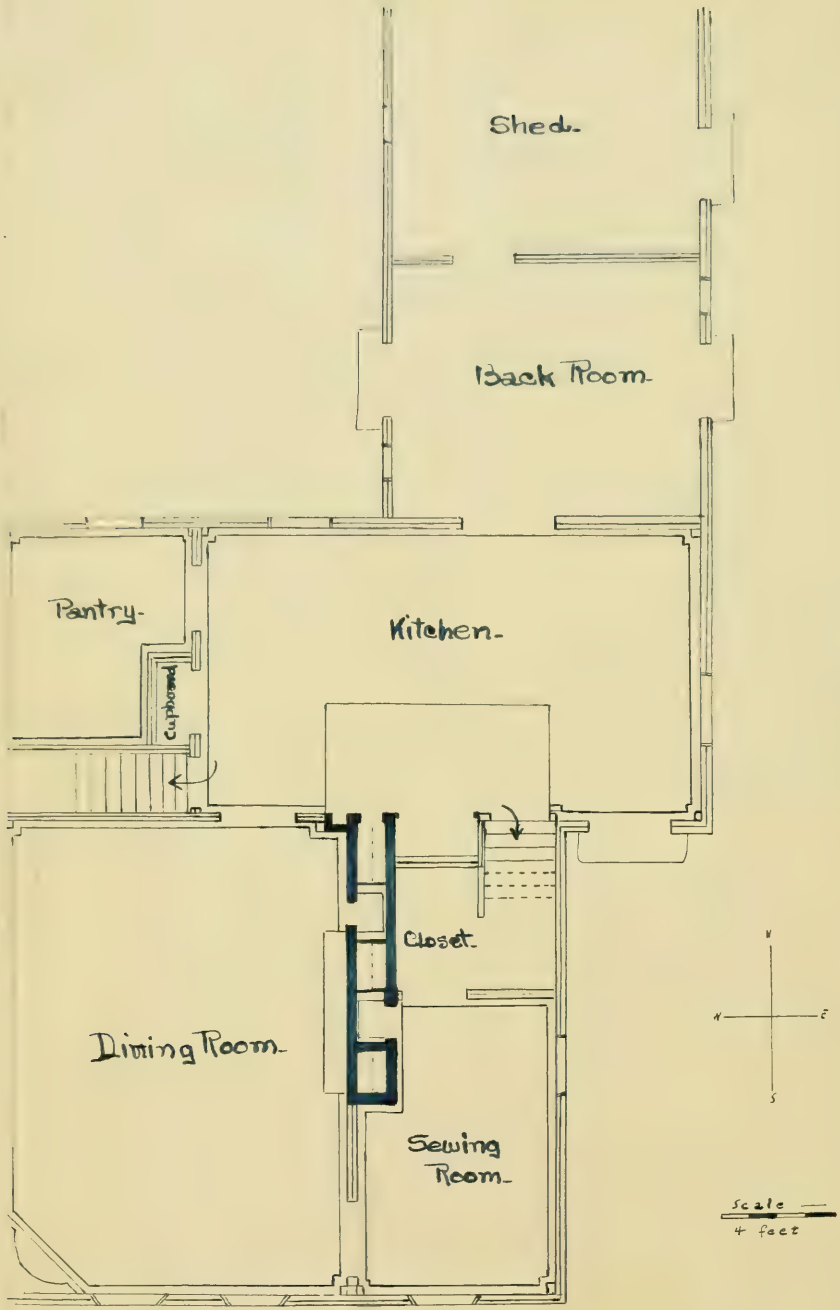
Design of first floor of west half of house
added for his son
John Jacobs, Jr.
about 1824.



Alice A. Hatch




Shed.
Back Room.
Pantry.
Kitchen.
Cupboard
Closet.
Dining Room.
Sewing Room.
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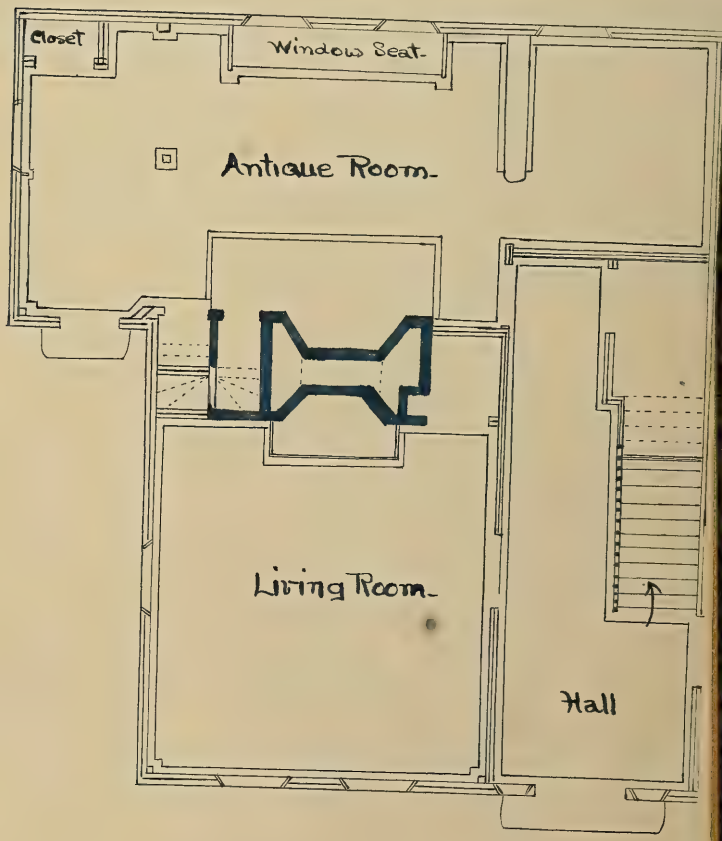
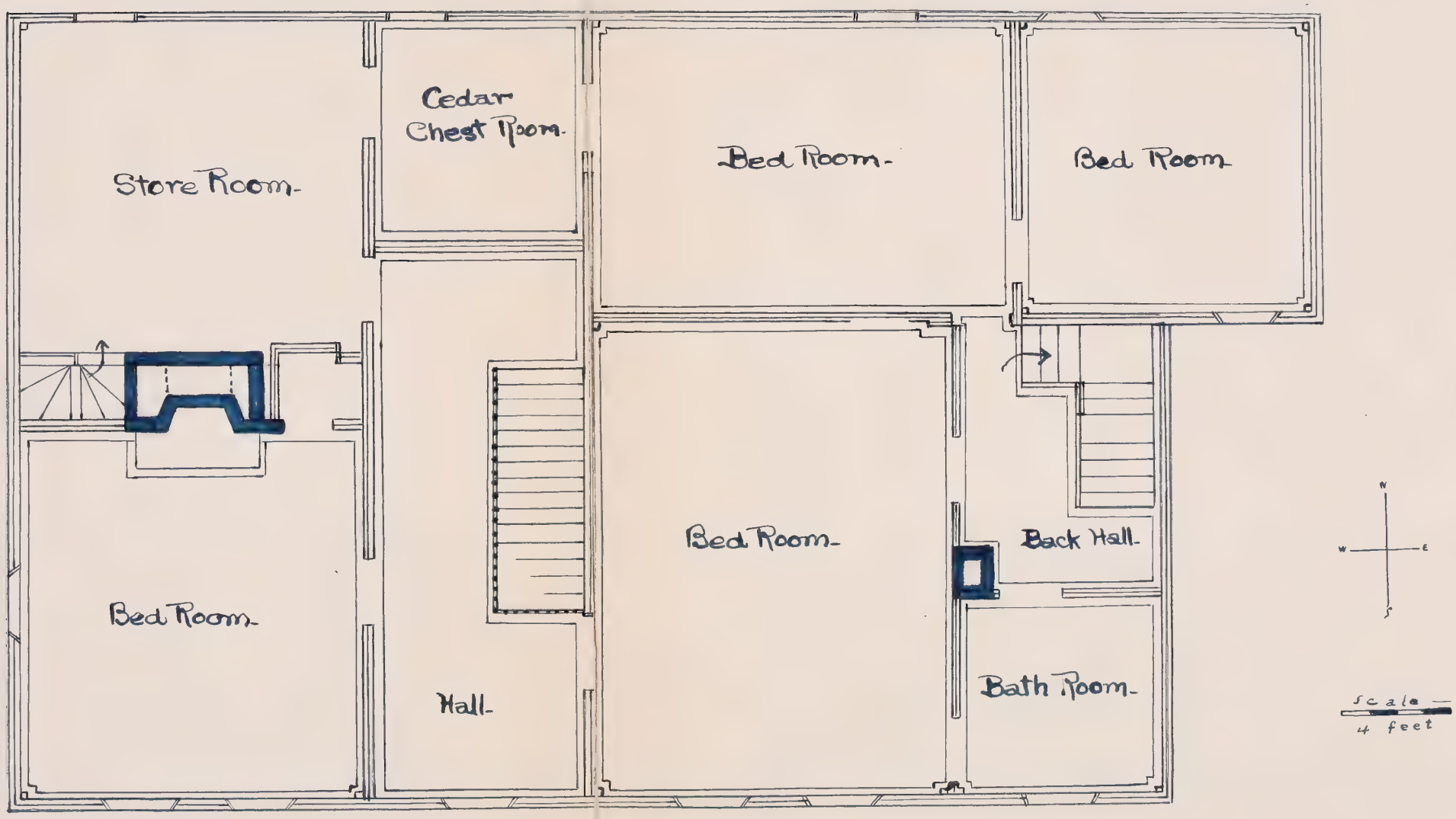
Design of Present House
Showing alterations made in
the east half by Abel Hodgman
probably about 1883
and in the west half by Mrs B.P. Wilkins
in 1918.

First Floor Plan.



All drawings made by
Alice A. Hatch.
1936.

Second Floor Plan
of
Present House.



Junior Red Cross Society -

1917 – 1919.

Back row: Cora Buttrick, three out of town visitors, Doris Wilkins; front row: Willelmina Wilkins, Maria Clark, Alice Blaisdell, Lois Robbins, Lucille Blaisdell.

Leader: Mrs Benson Perley Wilkins.

Royal welcome,

Open doors,

Cheerful, sunny ways,

Kindly influence

Lingers here

And dreams of by-gone days.

Naught but peace shall enter here

Delights untouched by doubt or fear.

—Lucy Robey Davis

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Feb- 1936.

Winter decorations.

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June-1936.

Summer decorations.

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Rev. Benson Perley Wilkins

Minister of the Carlisle Congregational Church, March 2-1919 to May 1-192

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Mrs Benson Perley Wilkins -
(Martha Fifield Wilkins)

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Doris F. Wilkins on her 17th birthday dressed in her great-grandmother's wedding costume. Style of 1842.

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Queen Anne period.

An interesting little looking-glass, Figure 6, belongs to this period, although it is in a somewhat transition form. In size (it measures 22½ by 13½ inches) and material (walnut on pine), and in the form of the cresting, it follows pure Queen Anne tradition, but the shape of the glass and mouldings is that of the succeeding period, — that is, rectangular except for the two curved upper corners, — and the glass is in one piece and, as far as I can tell, not beveled. The mouldings are similar to those in Figure 5, the moulding nearest the glass, and the carved cartouche, being gilded in the usual manner. The piece descends from John Jacobs of Carlisle, whose wife was a sister of the Reverend Paul Litchfield, first pastor of that parish, and dates probably sometime after the first quarter of the eighteenth century.

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Jan 10 - 1789.

I, Isaac Barron of Billerica ------ in consideration of 105 pounds 4 shillings ------ paid by Timothy Wilkins, Junr. of Carlisle in the above said County Gentleman ------ parcel of land lying in Carlisle aforesaid containing 74 acres & 69 poles with a Road as now trod which is Reserved & is bounded as follows — beginning at northwesterly angle at stake and stones at Samuel Heald's land then Easterly by said land to a white oak ------ then southerly to marked trees on land belonging to the Heirs of Jonas Robbins deceased, Job Spaulding and Paul Litchfield ------ several angles --- then nearly east --- then southerly by land of Nathaniel Taylor to stake and stones --- then westerly by land of Timothy Wilkins, Junr. and the Heirs of Ephraim Melvin deceased to stake and stones, northerly on Nathan Munroe's land to stake and stones on the northerly side of the road, then westerly on said road to stake and stones by Aaron Munroes land, then northerly on said Munroes land & Zebulun Spaulding's to the bounds first mentioned "with the Buildings thereon standing."

Dec. 3 - 1789.

Timothy Wilkins deeded previous property acquired from Isaac Barron (74 acres, 69 poles Buildings thereon standing) to John Jacobs for 139 pounds.

Lieut. Isaac Barron family.

Lt. Isaac Barron, b. Billerica, Sept. 18 - 1750, d. May 8 - 1820 aged 70.
son of Moses and Elizabeth ------ Barron
m. Billerica, June 4 - 1772,
Anna Spaulding, b. Billerica, Nov. 12 - 1751, d. Nov. 23 - 1819 aged 68.
dau. of (?) Asa and Anna (Crosby) Spaulding.
children:

1. Isaac, b. Sept. 12 - 1772, d.
2. Moses, b. April 26 - 1776
3. Isaac, b. Nov. 24 - 1783, d. Oct. 8 - 1819 aged 36.
4. Anna, b. July 6 - 1781, d. Nov. 20 - 1815 aged 34.

Jacobs Family

Col. John Jacobs (Col. in the Revolutionary war) was born in Scituate, Mass., May 23-1735, d. Feb 7-1817, aged 81 years; was a mason by trade and lived in Scituate; married Hannah Tolman, Nov. 2-1758. She was b. Scituate, Sept. 29-1740, d. Aug. 21-1826 aged 87 yrs. They had eleven children, one of whom was John Jacobs, Jr.

John Jacobs, Jr. b. Scituate, Sept. 22-1759, d. Carlisle, June 27-1841 ae. 82. He was chosen Deacon in Carlisle in 1812.
m. in Scituate, Dec. 15-1783, Mabel Litchfield, b. Scituate, Aug 5-1763; d. Carlisle, Dec. 26-1838 aged 75, dau. of Thomas & Lydia (Cole) Litchfield of Scituate, and sister to Rev. Paul Litchfield of Carlisle.

The record of the births of all their children is found in Carlisle, but a memorandum in the handwriting of John Jacobs, Jr. says: "Moved from Hanover to Carlisle, February 1790." Mr. Jacobs was called a market gardener. He and his wife are buried in Green Cemetery, Carlisle.

Children:

1. Lucinda, b. July 9-1785, d. Dec. 18-1785
2. Lydia, b. Dec. 31-1786, d. June 9-1804
3. Hannah, b. Nov. 26-1789, d. Hancock, N. H. March 4-1819
   m. Samuel Washburn of Lempster, N. H. Nov. 15-1810 at Carlisle.
4. Mabel, b. June 28-1792, d. Oct. 22-1825, Carlisle.
   m. Ebenezer Hayward of Braintree, Mass. Oct. 18-1812 at Carlisle
5. Mary, b. April 18-1794
   m. Dea. Silas Hosmer of Acton, June 13-1833 at Carlisle.
6. John, b. May 27-1796, d. Carlisle, Oct. 10-1876 aged 80 yrs. 4 mos. 13 days;
   m. Maria Blood, Sept. 5-1824 at Carlisle; b. Nov. 20-1802, d. June 16-1827 aged 25; dau. of Abel and Susanna (Blood) Blood. (After her parent's death, Fradrick Blood was made her guardian.)
   ch: Marie Antoinette, b. Sept 16-1825, d. Medford, Mass. Dec. 28-1846, aged 21 - wife of Andrew Goran.
7. Ruth,* b. May 20-1798, buried in Antrim, N. H.
   m. Lieut. Collins Whittemore of Hancock, N. H. June 4-1820.
8. Martin, b. April 29-1800, d. Charlestown, Mass. Aug 2-1863 ae. 63.
9. Esther, b. Aug. 30-1802, d. Sept. 5-1802.
10. Ward, b. Sept. 14-1806, d. Oct. 17-1806.

* Ruth J. Whittemore d. Sept 10-1883 aged 84 and Lieut. Collins Whittemore d. March 31-1868 aged 74.

Jacobs.

The following facts are taken from a "Memorandum Book from the first of January 1826" kept by John Jacobs, Jr. of Carlisle and now (1937) in the possession of Mr. Allister F. MacDougall of Carlisle.

John Jacobs, Junr. was born at Scituate in the County of Plymouth, September 22d 1759.
Mable Litchfield was born August 5th 1763.
John Jacobs & Mable Litchfield were married December 15th 1783.
Lucinda Jacobs was born on Thursday, July 9th 1785
Lucinda died Sabath morning December 18th 1785
Lydia Jacobs born December 31 1786.
Hannah Jacobs born November 26th 1789.
Moved from Hanover to Carlisle February 1790
Mable Jacobs born June 28th 1792.
Mary Jacobs born April 18th 1794.
John Jacobs Junr. born May 27th 1796.
Ruth Jacobs born May 20th 1798.
Martin Jacobs born April 29th 1800
Easter Jacobs born August 30th 1802
Easter Jacobs died Sept. 5th 1802
Lydia Jacobs died June 9th 1804
Ward Jacobs born September 14th 1806 & died the 17th of October following.
Hannah Washburn died at Hancock, March 4 - 1819.
Mable Hayward died at her father's house October 22d 1825
Maria Jacobs, wife of John Jacobs Junr. died June 16 A.D. 1827 ten minutes after eight in the evening.
Maria Antiret Jacobs began to be supported by her Grand-father August 21-1827.
John Jacobs began to board with me September 1-1827
Mary Jacobs was married to Dea. Silas Osmer (Hosmer?) June 13th 1833.
My father died February 7-1817 aged 81 (John Jacobs)
My mother died August. 21-1826 aged 87 (Hannah Tolman)
Calvin Bailey who married my sister Sarah, Died at Bath State of Maine in July 1835 aged about 75.

Mabel Jacobs, dau. of John and Mabel (Litchfield) Jacobs, married Ebenezer Hayward of Braintree, Mass.
She came, June 20-1820 from Watertown to Carlisle by horse and carriage to her father's house where she died (her father states) Oct. 19-1825, but in the family record, also written by him, he says she died Oct. 22-1825.
They had a daughter Mary C. Hayward who was seven years old July 15-1828 (= July 15-1821)

Maria A. Goran, wife of Andrew Goran, and daughter of John Jacobs, Jr. died at Medford, Mass. Dec 28-1846, aged 21 years. (Duren record)

In John Jacob's "Memorandum" he makes several observations which show the conditions a hundred years ago-

"April 18-1836. Made a pressing Cider- Old Snow not all gone laid on the ground from the 23 of last November-" Apparently it was a long winter-

In 1827 Dea. John Jacobs was made Treasurer and Clerk of the Church, and he kept an account of the cost of the communion bread and wine, as well as the contributions received for the same, as follows:

"this account is with the curch of Crist in this town commenced May 20 " 1827-
the church to John Jacobs Debtor

May 20-1827	to providing 2 quarts of wine and Bread for the table	$ 0 " 50
" 30	to three quarters yard damask cloth for the use of the table	0 " 25
June 21	to a jug and some wine in it	0 " 29
" 23	to paying for two tin pans to bake the bread in	0 " 26
July 8	to Bread for the table	0 " 50
	to a gallon of wine	0 " 25
Aug 12	to bread for the table	1 " 00
Sept 23	to bread for the table	0 " 25
Nov 18	to quart wine	0 " 25
18	to bread for the table	0 " 24
May 4-1828	to bread and wine for the table	0 " 25
Jun 15	to wine for the table	0 " 65
15	to Bred at the same time	0 " 25
Oct 19	to Bread for the table	0 " 25
	to wine	0 " 25
July 29-1829	to two quarts wine	0 " 30
	7 lb flower	0 " 48
Oct 4	to wine for the table	0 " 28
	to bread	0 " 56
		0 " 25
		$ 7. 31

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[illegible] for money received 26 of May at the contribution for the support of the Table. $1.40

July 1	Contribution	1.02
August 12	Contribution	0.63
Sept. 23	Contribution	0.88
Novem 18	Contribution	1.04
May 4-1828	to a contribution	1.05
Jun 15	to contribution	1.00
Oct 19	to contribution	0.93
		$7.95
July 29-1829	no contribution	
Novem 8	no contribution	

In the year 1830, $2.17 was spent for bread and wine, $1.53 in 1831 and $1.65 in 1832. In 1833 only 91 cents were spent and the record ceases after January 1840.

"These are the names of the members who contribute to the support of the communion table and the amount of what they pay

			$
May 16	1830	Wid Elizabeth Hodgman	0.25
		Mary Jacobs	0.25
		Sarah Munroe	0.25
		Mr Fletcher	0.25
Sept 19		James Wright	0.29
23		Harris Bingham	0.15
October		Joseph Heald	0.25
Novem 15		Mrs Taylor	0.25
		Mrs Benjamin Foster	0.25
22		Susanna Parlin	0.25
22		Lucy Harwood	0.25
26		Capt Blood wife	0.25
Jany 6 - 1831		Almira Foster	0.25
April 12		Rachal Hartwell	0.25
24		Abi Heald	0.25
October 16		Capt Blood wife	0.25
November		Wid Hannah Whiting	0.25
January 6 - 1832		Zeb Blood wife	0.26
Feb	1832	Receed of Mr Lawrens	0.25
April 20		Receed of Mrs Taylor	0.25
May 2		Mrs Harwood	0.25

May 4 · 1832	Mrs Fletcher	0.. 25
5	Thomas Heald wife	0.. 25
June	Sarah Munroe	0.. 25
August 12	Rebekah Fletcher	0.. 25
October 11	Rubin Foster & wife paid	0.. 50
28	Esther Hartwell	0.. 25
Nov 24	Capt Bloods wife	0.. 25
27	Joseph Heald	0.. 25
December 16	Timothy Meek	0.. 25
21	Sarah Hartwell	0.. 25
	Sarah Foster for 1832	0.. 25
	Mrs Proctor for 1832	0.. 25
	Harris Buigham for 1832	0.. 25
	Hannah Huting	0.. 25

The record goes on in a similar fashion until July 1840. when it ceases.

"Prices agreed on by John Jacobs and Roland Litchfield as it respects pasturing cattle for 1829 and to govern us hereafter as it respects us.

ox'en, small 40 cents middling 45 cents large 50 cents per week

Cows 16 cents Pr week

three years old 13 cents Pr. week

two year olds 10 cents Pr week

year olds 6 cents Pr week. "

Copy of W. Deed - John Jacobs to John Jacobs Jr.
(in possession of Mrs Marie Duren)

Know all men by these presents that I John Jacobs of Carlisle in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, yeoman, in consideration of twenty-four hundred dollars to me paid by John Jacobs Junior of said Carlisle, yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant sell and convey unto said John Jacobs Jr. the following described pieces of land situate in said Carlisle viz: the first piece containing sixty-five acres be the same more or less being the homestead on which said John Jacobs now lives, bounded as follows, viz: Easterly on land of Samuel Heald and Asa Mansfield. southerly on land of said Mansfield, Paul Litchfield and Abel Taylor and on a road. westerly on land of Aaron Fletcher and Abraham Taylor and a road. and northerly on land of Daniel Wheat, the heirs of Nathan Green, Jr- and Zebulon Spaulding - (also one other piece situate is said Carlisle being meadows and upland containing eight acres be the same more or less, bounded as follows, viz: northerly easterly and southerly on land of William Spaulding and westerly on land of Silas Green, Daniel Wheat and others, being the same piece conveyed to said John Jacobs by Stephen Nickles and Abel Nickles, as by their deed dated the ninth day of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and five and recorded in the Registry of deeds for said County, Book 220 page 221 reference to said deed for a more particular description thereof.) Also one other piece situate in said Carlisle being meadow land called Latin meadow, containing five acres and thirty-one rods, be the same more or less, being the same conveyed to said John Jacobs by Ezekiel Nickles, as by his deed dated August twenty first A.D. 1807 reference to said deed the bounds will appear - (Also one other piece of woodland situate in said Carlisle containing ten acres and one quarter, be the same more or less, being the same conveyed to the said John Jacobs by Jonathan Davis as by his deed dated 22d Sept. A.D. 1800, and recorded in said Registry of deeds book 137 page 414, reference to said deed the bounds will fully appear) Also one other piece situate in said Carlisle containing ten acres more or less being the same conveyed to said John Jacobs by Lucy Wilkins admx- as by her deed dated March 29th A.D. 1813 reference to the said deed the bounds will appear.) Also one other piece situate in said Carlisle containing two acres and twenty rods more or less being the same conveyed to said John Jacobs,

by John Brown Merriam and by his deed dated May 23d A.D. 1804, reference to the same the bounds will fully appear. (Also one other piece adjoining to said Carlisle containing three acres and twenty rods, be the same more or less, being the same conveyed by Daniel Rand to said John Jacobs by his deed dated 25th January A.D. 1808 reference thereto the bounds will appear. The above described pieces and parcels contain the whole of the real estate owned by said John Jacobs in the town of Carlisle aforesaid with the dwelling house standing, reserving the full use of one half of the dwelling house on said premises, and the use of the well on the same for and during the life of said John Jacobs for him to use occupy and improve.

To have and to hold the aforegranted premises, with all the appurtenances to the same belonging, to the said John Jacobs Jr. his heirs and assigns: to his and their use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said John Jacobs Jr. his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the aforegranted premises: that they are free of all encumbrances: that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said John Jacobs, Jr. and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said John Jacobs, Jr. his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons, except the reservation of one half of the dwelling-house on said premises and the use of the well during my lifetime as above made.

In witness whereof I the said John Jacobs have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us

Thomas Hall Preston
John Keyes

John Jacobs

Middlesex ss June 25th 1824

Then the within named John Jacobs personally appeared and acknowledged this written instrument to be his his free act and deed. Before me

John Keyes. Just. of Peace.

Middlesex ss July 22 - 1824. Rec'd and Recorded in the Registry of Deeds - Book 255 page 212 Attest - Tom T. Stone Regr.

Abel Goodrich Hodgman

1-	Thomas Hodgman(1640-1729) res.- Reading, Mass.	m- 1661- Katherine More 1663- Mary( ) Morrill
2-	Josiah Webber Hodgman(1668-1748/9) (adopted)	m- 1691- Elizabeth----
3-	Thomas Hodgman(1692/3-1739) (b. Reading, d. Concord, Mass)	m- 1713/4- Abigail Geary
4-	Josiah Hodgman(1720-1801) (b. Reading, d. Chelmsford)	m- 1745- Rebecca Buss ? 1749- Dorothy Wheeler
5-	Josiah Hodgman(1747-bef.May 1788 (b. Concord, Mass., d. Merrimack, N. H.)	m-c1772- Rebecca Foster
6-	Josiah Hodgman(1778-1817/8) (b. Merrimack, N. H., d. there about 1818)	m- 1798- Sarah Crosby Cummings
7-	Josiah Hodgman(1799-1852) (b. & d. Carlisle)	m- 1818- Lucy Spaulding
8-	Abel Goodrich Hodgman(1826-1907) (b. & d. Carlisle)	m- 1859- Rosanna(Hardy)Whitney

Abel Goodrich Hodgman was named for Abel Goodrich, M. D. of Merrimack, N. H. His brother, John Nelson Hodgman, was named for John Nelson, M. D.- a physician in Carlisle. In the latter Hodgman family, the name Nelson is used repeatedly.

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Mr. & Mrs. Abel Goodrich Hodgman-

Abel Hodgman-

Abel Goodrich Hodgman, b. Feb. 21-1826; d. April 29-1907
son of Josiah and Lucy (Spaulding) Hodgman-
He was born in Carlisle, but was a resident of
Lowell from 1850 to 1883, spent the rest of his
life here - Played the violin; memb. orchestral societies.
He married Rosamah Hardy, april 30-1859. (born about 1828)
dau. James and Hospitable? Hardy of Strong,
Maine, April 30-1859.
She had been previously married to Henry
Whitney of Newburyport, Mass, Aug 7-1851 and
he died soon after-
She died Feb. 25, 1908, in Carlisle, aged 80 yrs.

After her death the household goods were sold at
auction, June 6-1908. The Hodgman mirror in
the Concord Antiquarian Society was from this
auction-

WILKINS.

I. Bray (1) Wilkins,(1610-1701/2) m. Anna Gingell
married before 1659.
II. Henry(2) Wilkins,(1651- after April 1689) m. Rebecca -----
(1649-1689) marriage date lacking.
III. John(3) Wilkins,(1686/7-)m. Abigail Wilkins (1688-)
married May 26-1710.
IV. Rev. Daniel(4) Wilkins(1712-1784) m. Sarah Fuller(17...-1790)
married Sept. 9-1736.
V. Capt. Daniel(5) Wilkins(1742/5-1776) m. Tabitha Weston (1748-
1820) married about 1767.
VI. Daniel(6) Wilkins (1769-) m. Elizabeth McMurphy (1768-
1848) marriage date lacking.
VII. Daniel(7) Wilkins (1795-1872) m. Elizabeth Russell (1806-1834)
married Nov. 2-1820.
VIII. Rev. Elijah Russell(8) Wilkins (1822-1908) m. Harriett Newell
Davis (1823-1902) married June 19-1845.
IX. Rev. Wesley Jerome(9) Wilkins (1852-1923) m. Alice Annette
Perley (1850-1904) married July 4-1873.
X. Rev. Benson Perley(10) Wilkins (1876-) m. Martha Adelia
Fifield (1879-) married Oct. 9-1901.
XI. Doris Fifield Wilkins (1902-

I

WILKINS

Bray Wilkins. Lynn, 1630, if Lewis is right, freeman 14 May, 1630, but in Dorchester 1633: he kept ferry over Neponset, 1638, and for certainty was an inhabitant of Dorchester in 1641, we may see his signature, to donation of right in Thompson's island with most if not all other proprietors of town, for support of free schools forever. In his latter years he was tenant of Gov. Bellingham's farm at Lynn, when his house was burned 1664, near Salem. He died Jan. 1- 1702 aged 91. In his name is sometimes seen the addition "on" in the records.

(The above account is taken from Savages's Genealogical Dictionary of New England, vol. 4, page 550.)

Wilkins.

From "Genealogical and Personal Memoirs Relating to the Families of Boston and Eastern Massachusetts" by W. R. Cutter. Vol. III, p. 1536.

Wilkins. The ancestor of the Wilkins family in Wales, Robert De Wintons, went from England to Glamorganshire (now Breckmock County) Wales, in 1090. He was one of the nobles sent by William Rufus, the King, to subdue the Welch. After the Welch had retreated to the mountains Robert remained, built a castle and was lord of the manor. The line of the Wilkins family in Wales is published in several histories of ancient Wales, with crest and coat of arms, a Wyvern.

Bray Wilkins, immigrant ancestor, was born in 1610 and came from Wales to Salem, Massachusetts, where he settled in 1628 and there is record of him there in 1630. He went to Dorchester and was one of the first proprietors. He was admitted a freeman May 14 - 1634. After about fifteen years in Dorchester he returned to Salem and bought a tract of land of seven hundred acres which had been granted to Gov. Richard Bellingham. From time to time he added to this until he owned about a thousand acres, his property extending two miles along the line of Reading. His estate was known as Will's Hill, as the hill on the place had been the home of an Indian called Black Will. Bray Wilkins died in January 1702 aged 92. He and his wife were members of the First Church in Salem and their name heads the list of petitioners for leave to withdraw to form a church in Salem Village. This new church was the one which figured in the witchcraft delusion during the ministry of Samuel Parris in 1692.

Bray Wilkins married Anna Gingell.

From Secomb's History of Amherst, N.H. p. 829.

"Bray Wilkins was authorized by the General Court of Massachusett Sept. 6-1638, to erect a house and keep a ferry at Neponset River and have a penny for each person carried over.

About 1660 Wilkins and John Gingle bought a large farm at Will's Hill, adjoining Reading, which had been granted to Gov. Richard Bellingham about 20 years before. With the assistance of his sons he soon paid his share of the purchase money, and afterward bought and paid for his partner's share of the farm. From this tract he sold several lots, and afterwards added others so that finally his farm extended two miles in length along Reading line, and comprised about 700 acres of land, on which the patriarch and his children dwelt with their families. There he died, an "ancient man" Jan.1-1702 at the age of 92 years.

The farm, at his request, was annexed to Salem and upon the incorporation of Middleton, Mass., became a part of that town.

This family furnished one of the victims of the Salem Witchcraft, "Daniel Wilkins, bewitched to death, May 16-1692, aged 17," on the Salem records.

The families in Amherst bearing the name of Wilkins are all descended from Bray Wilkins, the Patriarch of Will's Hill, Middleton, Mass."

Tradition says Bray Wilkins came over with Endicott in 1628.

II

Henry[2] Wilkins.

From Perley's History of Salem. Mass.

Henry[2] Wilkins, b. Jan 7- 1651, d. after April 9- 1689,
son of Bray[1] and Anna (Guigell) Wilkins;
m. Rebecca---- b. 1649, d. April 9- 1689 aged 40.

Children:

1. Rebecca[3], bp. Jan. 4- 1684/5, m. Philip Mackintire of Reading, Mas
2. Daniel[3], b. about 1675, "bewitched to death" May 16- 1692, aged
3. Elizabeth, bp. Jan. 4- 1684/5, m. ..... Carrill.
4. Henry[3], bp. Jan. 4- 1684/5, m. (1) Sarah Wilkins, (2) Mary Lewis.
5. Aquila[3], bp. Jan. 4- 1684/5, m. Lydia Nichols.
6. Nehemiah[3], bp. Aug 12- 1683, m. (1) Elizabeth Guppey, (2) Hannah Wil
7. Susannah[3], b. Oct. 13- 1684
8. Ebenezer[3], b. Jan. 5- 1688/9, m. Mary (Bailey) widow of Daniel Wilkins.
9. John[3], bp. Jan. 14- 1686/7, m. Abigail Wilkins, May 26- 1710.
10. Ruth[3], bp. July 13- 1690, d. Dec. 14- 1695 aged 6.
11. ——— bp. Aug 17- 1690.

III

John[3] Wilkins.

John[3] Wilkins, husbandman, bp. Jan. 14- 1686/7 and living in 173
son of Henry[2] and Rebecca..... Wilkins.
m. May 26- 1710,
Abigail[3] Wilkins, b. Sept. 12- 1688, d. dau. of Benjam
and Priscilla (Baxter) Wilkins.

Children:

1. Daniel[4] bp. May 18- 1712
2. ——— bp. April 1714

IV.

Rev. Daniel[4] Wilkins

(Rev.) Daniel[4] Wilkins, bp. May 18- 1712, d. Amherst, N. H. Feb. 11- 178
son of John[3] and Abigail[3] (Wilkins) Wilkins.
m. Sept. 9- 1736, Sarah Fuller of Middleton, Mass., b. June 4- 17..
bp. Sept. 11- 1715, dau. of Jonathan[3] and Susannah (Trask)
Fuller, Thomas[2], Thomas[1] Fuller. She d. Amherst, N. H.
April 23- 1790.

Children:

1. Francis[5] (daughter) d. Nov. 8- 173---(6?) grave-stone illegible.
2. John[5], b. 1740, m. Lucy Nichols, d. 1808 in Ohio.
3. Samuel[5], b. Jan 8- 1742, d. Dec. 27- 1832
4. Daniel[5], b. 1742/5, m. Tabitha Weston; d. July, 1776

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Tablestone erected by the town of Amherst, N.H.

to the memory of their first minister (Congregational)

Rev. Daniel Wilkins

b. 1712 - d. 1784,

ancestor of Rev. Benson Perley Wilkins.

5. Abigail[5], b. Aug. 6-1745, m. William Peabody, Esq.; d. Feb. 11-1827; had 8 children.
6. Jonathan[5], b. 1749? d. Mont Vernon, N.H. Apr. 18 1824; m. Susannah..... a Revolutionary Soldier.
7. William Henry[5], d. in the Army at Yellow Springs, Pa. 1778.
8. Andrew[5], d. Sept. 13-1753.
9. Sarah, d. May 27-1756.
10. Andrew[5], b. 1761, d. Detroit, Michigan, Sept. 10-1819 m. Lucy Blanchard. a Revolutionary Soldier at 15 yrs of age.

The Rev. Daniel[4] Wilkins was the first minister of Amherst, N.H. Settled in Southegan West about 1740. He graduated with honor from Harvard University, 173... ; received his Master's degree in 1742 from Harvard. Secomb's History of Amherst, N.H. says the Rev. Daniel did not keep records of his work, though there are several most interesting copies of important letters that he wrote to Benning Wentworth, Esq.

In 1936 the tombstones of the Rev. Daniel and his wife were standing and well preserved in the old cemetery in Amherst, N.H. The town erected a tablestone for Rev. Daniel Wilkins on which is engraved the historical data of his life and work.

V

Captain Daniel[5] Wilkins.

Capt. Daniel[5] Wilkins, b. 1742/5, d. Chimney Point, N.Y. July 1776 son of Rev. Daniel and Sarah (Fuller) Wilkins of Amherst, N.H. m. about 1767,

Tabitha Weston, b. March 31-1748, d. Mont Vernon, N.H. Jan. 1820. (Amherst History says she d. Dec. 1819, which suggests that she might have died the night of Dec. 31-1819). She was daughter of Ebenezer and Mehitable (Sutherick) Weston of Reading, Mass. Children:

1. Daniel[6], b. Oct. 31-1769, d. said to have settled in Claremont, N.H.
2. Abigail[6], b. Amherst, N.H. May 28-1772, d. Boscowen, N.H. Dec. 3-1808; m. Col. Timothy Dix of Boscowen, March 22-1792. Genl John Adams Dix, late Governor of New York was one of their children.
3. Tabitha[6], b. Oct. 28-1774, d. So. Marlow, N.H. Sept. 16-1845, m. (1) Thomas Gilmore, (2) John Carleton of Mont Vernon, N.H.

Captain Daniel[5] Wilkins was 1st. Lieut. in Capt. Crosby's Company on Bunker Hill, and Capt. of his own Company composed largely of Amherst men, among them Andrew[5] Wilkins, his younger

brother, only fifteen years old. This Company was in Col. Bedell's Regiment which was surrendered to the British and Indians at the "Cedars" in May, 1776. He died of desease shortly after his exchange. Capt. Crosby's company was among the troops which saw General Washington take command of the Army.

VI

Daniel[6] Wilkins.

Daniel[6] Wilkins, b. Amherst, N.H. Oct. 31-1769 was son of Capt. Daniel[5] and Tabitha (Weston) Wilkins,

m. Elizabeth Mc Murphy, b. Aug. 14-1768, d. Sept. 28-1848, then the widow of Joseph Jones; dau. of Archibald & Isabel (Alds) Mc Murphy of Londonderry, N.H.

Children:

1. Daniel[7], b. Feb. 3-1795, Londonderry, N.H. d. there Sept. 30-1872 m. Elizabeth Russell, Nov. 2-1820
2. Philip Clement[7], b. Aug 7-1803, d. Littleton, N.H. May 18-1887 m. Phebe S. Patterson of New Boston, N.H.

VII

Daniel[7] Wilkins.

Daniel[7] Wilkins, b. Londonderry, N.H. Feb. 3-1795, d. there Sept. 30 1872, buried in Stowell Yard, Londonderry; son of Daniel[6] and Elizabeth (Mc Murphy) Wilkins.

m. Nov. 2-1820 at De Kalb, N.Y.

Elizabeth (Betsey) Russell, b. Worcester, N.Y. May 15-1806, d. De Peyster, N.Y. Aug. 23-1834, of cholera; dau. of Elijah and Submit ----- Russell.

Daniel[7] Wilkins was married three times, and Elizabeth Russell was his first wife. He m. (2) Mary Mc Murphy Thompson, and (3) Sarah Hartwell. He had 17 children.

Children by first wife, Elizabeth Russell:-

1. Elijah Russell[8], b. De Kalb, N.Y. May 20-1822, d. Concord, N.H. Sept. 30-1908; m. Harriett Newell Davis, June 19 1845.
2. Daniel Arramel[8], b. March 14-1825 at Oswegatchie, N.Y. d. Aug. 22-1832 aged 7.
3. son, b. March 4, d. March 8-1827 aged 4 days.
4. daughter, b. March 4, d. March 12-1828, aged 8 days.
5. William Wesley[8], b. June 17-1829, De Peyster, N.Y. d. Sept 1-1892, m. Persis L. Morse at Lawrence, Mass. He was an Army Surgeon, on the Surgeon's staff, 2nd Regt. N.H. Volunteers, Washington, D.C. June 27-1861 at Camp Sullivan.
6. daughter, still born, May 1-1832.

7. Son. b. July 9 - 1833, lived one hour.

Children by the second wife, Mary Mc Murphy Thompson:

8. Elizabeth T. b. Londonderry, N. H. Aug. 20 - 1836, d. May 3 - 1911. m. James Franklin Young of Londonderry.

9. Archibald Mc Murphy[8], b. Derry, N. H. Nov. 4 - 1838, d. Bedford, Mass. Dec. 17 - 1886; m. Ellen E. Hartwell. Had son William Green Wilkins, b. 1876, m. Elizabeth M. McLean.

Children by the third wife, Sarah Hartwell:

10. Daniel Orramel[8], b. Fitchburg, Mass. Jan. 25 - 1844, d. May 20 - 1845.

11. Daniel[8], Jr. b. Fitchburg, Mass. March 13 - 1845, d. June 7 - 1894, m. Susan Brown, b. Boston, Mass.

12. Walter Scott[8], (? b. Oct. 18 - 1851) Methuen, Mass. d. -- m. Elnora Lucy Rousa of New York State.

13. Edwin Oscar, b. Londonderry, N. H. -- d. Here May 28 - 1905 - m. --

14. Norman Stanley, b. Londonderry, N. H. Nov. 10 - 1853, d. Jan. 30 - 1905.

15. Sarah Isabel (old record, Issabella), b. Londonderry, March 31 - 1856, d. Sept. 5 - 1856.

16. Willoughby Hartwell, b. Londonderry, Feb. 28 - 1858, d. Oct. 22 - 1858.

17. Victor, b. Nov. 13 - 1859, d. Sept. 3 - 1860 in Londonderry.

VIII

Rev. Elijah Russell[8] Wilkins.

Rev. Elijah Russell[8] Wilkins, b. De Kalb, St. Lawrence County, N. Y. May 20 - 1822, d. Concord, N. H. Sept. 30 - 1908. son of Daniel[7] and Elizabeth (Russell) Wilkins.

m. Derry, N. H. June 19 - 1845,

Harriett Newell Davis, b. Hooksett, N. H. July 15 - 1823, d. Concord, N. H. June 19 - 1902, dau. of Jonathan & Betsy (Weston) Davis.

Elijah Russell[8] Wilkins was a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Army Chaplain from New Hampshire, in the Civil War; Chaplain of the New Hampshire State Prison for 19 years. Residence, Concord, N. H.

Children:

1. Hattie Marie,[9] b. March 28 - 1847, Methuen, Mass; d. Spa Springs, Nova Scotia, Oct. 20 - 1935, m. George A. Bolser.

2. Betsy Jane, b. Derry, N. H. Feb. 26 - 1850, d. Concord, N. H. Aug 4 - 1852.

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3. Wesley Jerome[9], b- Concord, N.H. April 11-1852, d- Northbridge, Mass- Dec-10-1923-
   m.(1) Alice Annette Perley, June 4-1873 at Nashua, N.H-
   (2) Annie Daisy Lincoln, Jan. 29-1907, at Manchester, N.H-
4. Minnie Ella[9], b- Chichester, N.H. July 28-1854, d. Concord, N.H- July 25-1898-
5. Russell[9], b- Ipswich, Mass- April 23-1873, d- Manchester, N.H- July 22-1938-
   m- Grace M. Shurber, May 30-1903 in Pennacook, N.H-

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Rev- Wesley Jerome[9] Wilkins-

Rev- Wesley Jerome[9] Wilkins, b- Concord, N.H. April 11-1852, d- Northbridge, Mass- Dec. 10-1923, buried in Keene, N.H-; son of Rev- Elijah Russell and Harriett Newell (Davis) Wilkins-

m.-(1st) Nashua, N.H. June 4-1873, Alice Annette Perley, b- Lebanon, N.H- Aug. 25-1850, d- Londonderry, N.H- Dec. 12-1904, dau. of Asa Proctor and Lucy Ann (Austin) Perley- Buried in Keene, N.H-

m. (2nd) Annie Daisy Lincoln, at Manchester, N.H- Jan. 29-1907- She was b- Chesterfield, N.H- Aug. 8-1871, d. Northbridge, Mass- Jan-17-1928, dau. of Lucian & Lenacy Sophia (Field) Lincoln. Buried in Keene, N.H-

Children by the first wife, Alice A. Perley:

1. Herbert Emerson[10], b- Keene, N.H- May 26-1874, d- Lynn, Mass- March 23-1927- Buried in Keene, N.H-
   m- (1st) Laconia, N.H- July 20-1897, Lillian Addie Lamphrey and had one son, Malcolm Lamphrey Wilkins, b- Bellows Falls, Vermont, May 17-1898-
   m. (2nd) Somerville, Mass- July 6-1912, Edith Wood Kyes-
2. Benson Perley[10], b- Keene, N.H- Feb-8-1876,
   m. Methuen, Mass- Oct-9-1901, Martha Adelia Tifield, b- Methuen, April 20-1879, dau. of Roscoe Alonzo, and Lucelia Elizabeth (Chapman) Tifield of Methuen, Mass-
   One child, Doris Tifield Wilkins, b- Methuen, Aug 25-1902-

Rev- Wesley Jerome[9] Wilkins and his son Rev- Benson Perley[10] Wilkins were both clergymen in the Methodist Episcopal Church, members of the New Hampshire Conference- Rev- Wesley J. Wilkins was a wood carver before entering the ministry- Rev- Benson P. Wilkins graduated from Boston University College of Liberal Arts and also the Theological School with degrees A. B and S. T. B- He preached in the Congregational Church in Keene Valley, N.Y- and Carlisle, Mass-

One Conference Love Feast.

From History of New Hampshire Conference, p. 300.

"One Conference love feast had a unique pre-eminence. That service is ever a high light of the sessions. This one had a single feature that made it unusual and memorable. It was led by one of the Fathers, Elijah B. Wilkins, chaplain of the famous Fifth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, and later, chaplain of the State Prison at Concord (N.H.) for nearly twenty years.

For fifty years he was prominent as an effective member of the Conference, making fifty-five years in the ministry ere the call upward came at the ripe age of eighty-six. In that love feast he was comforted, cheered, uplifted, by the testimony of his son, Wesley J. Wilkins, and of his grandson, Benson P. Wilkins, both being active members of his own Conference. Surely, an unusual and note-worthy incident."

These three ministers have together given over one hundred years of Effective service in the ministry of the Methodist and Congregational Churches of New Hampshire, New York and Massachusetts.

Fifield-Willcin record-

I

William[1] Fifield, b- England about 1610, d. Hampton, N.H. Dec. 18-1700, m. Mary---- He came to Newbury (now Newburyport) Mass. in the "Hercules" in 1634, moved to Hampton, N.H. in 1639 and died, 1700, at the age of 80 years- 6 children.

II

Benjamin[2] Fifield, b- about 1646, d. Kingston, N.H. Aug-1-1706; m- Dec. 25-1670, Mary Colcord, b- Oct. 14-1649, dau. of Edward Colcord. Benjamin was shot and killed by Indians as he was riding through his pasture bars on horseback- 9 children-

III

John[3] Fifield, b- Hampton, N.H. Nov- 21-1671, m- Abigail---- He was living in Kingston, N.H. in 1726-

IV

John[4] Fifield, Jr- b- Hampton, N.H. Aug-1-1701, m- Dorothy Fifield Nov- 23-1732 in Kingston, N.H.

V

John[5] Fifield, Jr- b- Kingston, N.H. Oct-1-1733, d. Salisbury, N.H. Oct-24-1824, m- Oct-13-1757 at Kingston, Ann Snow, dau. of Joshua & Ann (Bean) Snow, b- Kingston, June 17-1740, d. Salisbury, N.H. Oct 21-1824

VI

Edward[6] Fifield, b- Kingston, N.H. July 10-1765, d. Greenwood, Maine, April 28-1838, m- March 1-1787, Mary Bagley, b- Salisbury, Mass- Nov- 22-1768, d. Greenwood, Maine, Oct-8-1857-

VII

Orlando Israel Bagley[7] Fifield, b- Durham, Me- April 15-1787, d- Riley Plantation, Maine, March or April, 1863; m- March 13-1808, Comfort Ring, b- Aug-19-1789, d- Riley Plantation, Me. Mar. 3-1855, dau- of Batchelder Ring-

VIII

Alonzo[8] Fifield, b- Greenwood, Me- April 26-1821, d. Riley Plantation, Me- Feb- 2-1892, m- Martha Abbot Russell, b- Newry, Me- Dec. 23-1810, d. Riley Plantation, Me- March 25-1894, dau. Benjamin & Melitable (Abbot) Russell-

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Roscoe Alonzo[9] Fifield, b- Riley Plantation, Me. Feb- 19-1848, d. Roxbury, Mass- Feb- 15-1915; m- July 1-1872, at Methuen, Mass- Lucelia Elizabeth Chapman, b- Newry, Me- July 31-1848, d- Greenland, N.H. June 11-1904, dau. of Eliphaz Bradford & Roxanna (Jennings) Chapman-

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Marion Wilkins "Fifield", b. Middlebury, Vt. April 20-1879, m-at Middlebury, Oct. 9-1901 (Rev.) Benson Perley Wilkins, b. Keene, N. H. Feb. 8-1878, son of Rev. Wesley Jerome and Alice Annette (Perley) Wilkins. One daughter, Doris Fifield" Wilkins.

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Ladies Circle of the Congregational Church.
at the home of Rev. & Mrs B.P. Wilkins, July 31-1922.

Back row: Mrs Louise Currier, Mrs Emil Pedersen, Mrs Martin Lorenzen, Mrs Mary A. Reynolds, Miss Sarah Baldwin, Mrs Herbert Dutton, Mrs. Josephine Davis, Mrs Nettie Davis, Rev. Benson P. Wilkins.

Sitting: Mrs Andrew Sorli, Mrs Edith Davis, Mrs Mary Malcolm, Mrs Winifred Lee Mrs Marie Duren, Miss Mabel Dutton, Miss Sarah Davis, Mrs Anna Barrett, Mrs Martha Melvin, Mrs B.P. Wilkins, Mrs Mary Green, Miss Alice French.

23

Rockland Road closed to traffic Dec 1-1921.

In a Little Town.

(Mrs. Robert Watt)

I like to live in a little town,
Where the trees meet over the street,
And you wave your hand and say "Hello"
To every one you meet.

I like to stop for a minute
Outside a grocery store
And hear the kindly gossip
Of the folks moving in next door.

For the life is interwoven
With the friends you learn to know,
And you feel their joys and sorrows
As they daily come and go.

So I'm glad to live in a little town
And I care no more to roam,
For every house in a little town
Is more than a house — its home!

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The Boxford Elm, Boxford, Mass.

planted 1761 by

Asa[4] Perley, who also built the house;

second-great grandfather of Benson Perley Wilkins

and Mrs Nathaniel Hill of Carlisle.

Benson Perley Wilkins and Doris F. Wilkins

standing by the famous Elm.

July 1930.

Carlisle -

Parts of Acton, Billerica, Chelmsford and Concord established as a district of Carlisle, 1780; town 1805.

Annexed: part of Chelmsford, 1865.

Set off: part added to Concord, 1780; to Chelmsford, 1783, (an earlier District of Carlisle was set off from Concord 1754 and re-annexed to the mother town 1756).

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